

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action of November 12, 2004 finally rejecting the pending claims, the Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment and Request for Continued Examination be entered.

Claims 1 And 3 Are Patentable Over The Cited Prior Art

The Applicants respectfully submit that in the cited references, there is no disclosure of *a program which corresponds to various coding methods and which is downloaded from the outside and held in RAM*. Moreover, there is no disclosure of *various coding methods accessible to SIMD calculating means with a pipeline operation unit that can be programmed-controlled by an outside unit*.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over the cited prior art for the reasons stated above. It is also respectfully submitted that claim 3, which depends from claim 1, is patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested pass the present case to allowance.

Conclusion


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard J. McGrath (Reg. No.

29,195) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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